National Policy on Child Labour

3050. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the broad features of the National Policy on Child Labour, 1987;

(b) whether Government propose to up date this policy to make it more purposeful; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Government has formulated a National Policy on Child Labour, 1987 which contains the following main ingredients:—

- A legislative action plan;
- Focussing of general deveiopment programmes for benefiting child labour wherever possible; and
- Project based plan of action for launching of projects for the welfare of working children in areas of high concentration of child labour.

The Policy was formulated with the basic objective of suitably rehabilitating the children withdrawn from employment thereby reducing the incidence of child labour. So far, about 1.49 lakh children have been rehabilitated and mainstreamed into formal education system.

Voluntary Separation Scheme

3051. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced any retirement scheme called—Voluntary Separation Scheme (VSS);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the organizations in which it has already been introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The Government introduced a Voluntary